

1 **Remarks/Arguments**

2 This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated November 3, 2006.
3 A request for extension of time is submitted herewith requesting a one month extension of time
4 to and included March 3, 2007 by which applicants may respond to the Office action, along
5 with the required extension fee in the amount of \$60 for a small entity.

6 The claims that have been allowed are carried forward in this amendment in their
7 original form. The claims to which objection was made have been carried forward by this
8 amendment. As an example, the subject matter of claim 2 was found allowable. Claim 1 has
9 been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2 and claim 2 has been
10 canceled. Similarly, claim 11 is amended to include allowable subject matter of claim 12.
11 Claim 25 is amended to include allowable subject matter of claim 26; and claim 34 is amended
12 to include allowable subject matter of claim 35.

13 The only rejected claims to which the undersigned disagrees is with respect to claims
14 10, 19 and 43. The Examiner poses the question of how can the "running length" of the trigger
15 button be greater than the distance between its two ends in the phrase "said trigger button...
16 and distal ends"? The answer to this question is given at page 11, lines 17-19, of the
17 specification which states:

18 "...One-way trigger 60 has a running length, measured along the inclined
19 surface of segment 69 and the surfaces of first and second segments
20 67,68 which exceeds the 'straight line' distance between the distal and
proximal ends 63 and 65."

21 The undersigned submits that the phrase "running length" is appropriate for the somewhat
22 complex shape of the surface of the trigger. A helpful analogy is that if the "straight line"
23 distance on the ground between points A and B is 5 miles, the "running distance" between
24 points A and B could be 8 or 9 miles if a large mountain stood between those two points.

25 The claims remaining in the application are claims 1, 3-4, 6-11, 13-15, 17-20, 22-25,
26 27, 29, 34, 36 and 39-47. With respect to these remaining claims, the undersigned submits

that the rejections under 35 USC § 112 have been overcome, and that all remaining claims are allowable.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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